

REPORT CLASS S D C R E T--UNINTTEL--NOFORM--NOCONTRACT--ORCON
COUNTRY: AFGHANISTAN/PAKISTAN/CHINA
SUBJECT: DISCUSSION OF AFGHAN SITUATION DURING THE VISIT OF
A CHINESE MILITARY DELEGATION TO PAKISTAN
(DOI: 2529 OCTOBER 1979)

SOURCE: A GENERALLY RELIABLE PAKISTANI FIELD GRADE OFFICER, WHOSE
PAST REPORTING HAS BEEN GENERALLY SUBSTANTIATED.

1. IN A PRIVATE CONVERSATION WITH A CONFIDANT ON 27 OCTOBER
1979, DIRECTOR OF MILITARY OPERATIONS (DMO) ERIC JEFFERMAN MOHAMMAD
A F I A I STATE THE DURING THE 12 DAY VISIT (27-29 OCTOBER) OF A
CHINESE MILITARY GOODWILL DELEGATION" LEADED BY Z H A N G CAIQIAN,
DEPUTY CHIEF OF GENERAL STAFF (CGS) OF THE PEOPLE'S LIBERATION
ARMY, THE SITUATION IN AFGHANISTAN WAS DISCUSSED IN DETAIL. THESE
DISCUSSIONS INCLUDED A BRIEFING BY SENIOR PAK MILITARY OFFICERS AND
ATTENDED BY GENERAL Z I A F I -PAC ON THE INSURGENCY BEING CONDUCTED
AGAINST THE AFGHAN REGIME BY MUSLIM INSURGENTS.

2. AT ONE POINT IN THE DISCUSSIONS DEPUTY CGS ZHANG CAIQIAN
COMMENTED THAT IF THE MUSLIM INSURGENTS DID NOT RECEIVE SUFFICIENT
OUTSIDE SUPPORT, THE REGIME OF AFGHAN PRESIDENT HAFIZULLAH AMIN
WOULD BE ABLE TO CONSOLIDATE ITS POSITION AND THIS WOULD CONTRIBUTE
TO FURTHER INSTABILITY AND SOVIET INFLUENCE IN THE REGIME. THIS
STATEMENT PROMPTED GENERAL ZIA TO ASK WHY THE CHINESE WERE NOT
SUPPORTING THE MUSLIM INSURGENTS IF THEY (THE CHINESE) WERE DISTURBED
ABOUT THE SITUATION IN AFGHANISTAN. ZHANG CAIQIAN REPLIED THAT
WHILE SYMPATHETIC TO THE INSURGENT CAUSE, THE CHINESE COULD
NOT PROVIDE AID TO THE INSURGENTS BECAUSE SHOULD THIS BE DISCOVERED
IT WOULD HAVE SERIOUS INTERNATIONAL REPERCUSSIONS AND WOULD
AFFECT THE TALKS BETWEEN CHINA AND THE SOVIET UNION CURRENTLY
BEING HELD IN MOSCOW. TO PROTECT THE CHINESE POSITION, ZHANG
CAIQIAN REITERATED AN EARLIER REQUEST MADE BY THE CHINESE AMBASSADOR
IN ISLAMABAD THAT NO CHINESE WEAPONS AND AMMUNITION IN THE PAKISTAN
ARMY INVENTORY SHOULD BE SUPPLIED TO THE AFGHAN MUSLIM INSURGENTS.
(FIELD COMMENT: SEE TIFRDP-11/15027-70, DATED 18 SEPTEMBER 1979,
FROM THE SAME SOURCE, WHICH REPORTED GENERAL ZIA'S ORDER THAT NO
WEAPONS, AMMUNITION OR OTHER SUPPLIES OF CHINESE ORIGIN SHOULD BE
SUPPLIED TO AFGHAN INSURGENTS WHO ARE BEING COVERTLY SUPPLIED BY
THE GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN.

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